

The Constitution.

ATLANTA, GA., NOVEMBER 12, 1879.

It is not generally known that Indiana is to decide in a general election whether she will remain an October state or join the November phalanx. It is the interest of all who desire honest and fair votes in the different states that she should hold her elections in November. The traveling voter and the floating voter would alone object.

New York is still in the woods, and will probably stay there until she is officially brought out. Whether she will ever be brought out on a fair count is every day becoming more and more problematical. After all, it matters very little who is to fill the three or four minor state offices in dispute; it is sufficient to know that no party and no set of men can defeat the democrats whenever they present a solid front to the enemy—which they will do in 1880.

The people of Memphis seem to be determined to make their city at least as healthy as New Orleans. As soon as the house-to-house survey that the national board of health is making is completed, it is proposed to hold a citizens' meeting to make arrangements for the prosecution of the work which may be considered necessary to put the city on the best possible sanitary footing. The salvation of Memphis, commercially speaking, depends upon the thoroughness of the effort she is about to make.

The democratic majority in New York city for Mr. Potter is 51,445, or 20,000 more than has generally been necessary to give the democrats control of the state. When all the figures of the New York election are before us, it will be found that there is no reasonable chance of the republican party that the south could find a gloomy hope even in the programme of despair which they are engaged in preparing for her, and to assure them that if their purpose to drive this section to desperation succeeded, something desperate would be the result. For the rest it has given a new and profitable direction to the drift of discussion—a discussion which must inevitably end in convincing the people of this country that a political crusade which has for its aim the crucifixion of one section by the other is not yet over.

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Inflation is going on at a handsome rate, and perhaps we need not look beyond it for an explanation of the recent lumbering in nearly every article of Indian origin, rabbit to real estate. Since the first day of January our currency has been swelled in round numbers, as follows: Foreign coin received to balance trade amounts, \$60,000,000; domestic coinage that stayed at home, \$40,000,000; additional bank notes issued, \$11,000,000. Why shouldn't prices advance? What in fact can keep them, including those of cotton, down?

The bankrupt republican member from the fifth New Jersey district carries into effect his intention to resign his seat, as he clearly should be, the democrats will have the control of twenty states, and can elect a president in case of no choice by the people. If then Seth Yocom is driven out of the seat that Governor Curtin was elected to fill, the democrats will be seated in every respect for the two regular sessions of this congress.

In another place will be found a local article upon the projected temperance reform movement about to be organized in Atlanta. There can be no question of the vast benefits to be derived to society and the pursuits of life in our midst by the successful conduct of such a movement. We commend the matter in the article to which we refer to our readers and we say every good and no evils to grow out of the union of every effort of our churches and our temperance organizations in this mass-assault upon habits that are ruinous to the homes, business and souls of the people. Speed the work.

Post Office Receipts.
The postal receipts for the fiscal year ending June 30 are considered an index of the volume of business of the different sections of the country. Postmaster-General Key goes so far as to say that they are "a very sure test of the intellectual and business growth of communities"; but if he is wholly right, his state is in bad condition, for she shows a decrease of nearly ten per cent. Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Iowa, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana, all fell off, while the states that contain large commercial cities show handsome gains. Georgia returns \$35,088, an increase of about \$3,000 over the previous year. Georgia in this respect stands almost alone in the south. New York leads the list in the amount of receipts followed by Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio. Only nine states pay a net surplus revenue to the department, Delaware just getting into this list with a surplus of \$1,837.

Of the cities, New York leads off with receipts that foot up \$2,98,295, more than the receipts of Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Georgia and West Virginia combined. Chicago jumps over Philadelphia, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, San Francisco and Brooklyn, "in the order named. Then come in order Baltimore, Pittsburg, Cleveland, Detroit, New Orleans, Milwaukee, Buffalo, Louisville, Indianapolis, Toledo, Kansas City, Omaha, Ohio; St. Paul, Nashville, Minneapolis, Memphis, Dayton, Atlanta and Omaha. Atlanta's number is therefore twenty-six, located by the postal receipts—being out-

ranked in the cotton states only by New Orleans, Nashville and Memphis. Atlanta's receipts for the fiscal year were \$47,925; Memphis \$54,654; Nashville's \$20,012, and New Orleans \$195,564.

Disturbing Republican Discussion.

We are glad to observe that the republican organs are beginning to seriously consider the possibilities which lie concealed in the rumors connecting Grant with a movement in the south having as its alleged purpose an attempt to secure the sympathy of the "strong man" by offering him the support of this section.

The republican editor builds his pyramids as usual, but his comments, when he has the beautiful typographical structure completed, are not unmixed with a certain vague uneasiness that the crafty southern leaders are preparing for a camp which will astonish the country and demoralize the bitterly eager forces of stalwartism. The republican editor delivers his harangues as usual and wipes the perspiration from his brow with the sanguinary, but festive, undergarment that has served his purpose on so many occasions since the war, but there is a harshness in his voice and a tremor in his eyelids, and he looks into the future cautiously as one who expects to behold a vision. In other words, the innocent little milion paragraph that made its appearance in THE CONSTITUTION some weeks ago has created a most amusing flutter in the stalwart camp, and has attracted the attention, if not the alarm, of many conservative minds at the north.

No paragraph ever accomplished its purpose more completely or ever had greater effect upon public discussion. It was intended as a warning to the stalwarts and they have received it as such; it was intended to show the sectionals of the republican party that the south could find a gloomy hope even in the programme of despair which they are engaged in preparing for her, and to assure them that if their purpose to drive this section to desperation succeeded, something desperate would be the result.

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The fine hand of Mrs. Jenkins will soon be needed in Louisiana politics.

"NATURALLY," remarks a Kentucky "ex-champion" "of the people." This is evidently a well-considered attempt to set the northern lights by a display of the southern liver, and it looks like sectionism.

THESE SEEMS TO BE MORE POLITICAL than anything than John Kelly bargained for.

COME, now—let's be fair and square. If any republican organ at the north will admit that there is a degree of downright naughtiness in it, we will confess that there is no reasonable chance of the republicans carrying the state, if the democratic vote can again be consolidated, and enthused with hopes of victory. The sole problem, in fact, is to find a presidential candidate who is the unqualified choice of the democrats of the great pivotal state.

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A CARBINE was what got away with Mr. Jeems Redpath. When the carbine grew too warm for him, he closed his eyes, and now he is in San Francisco with a slope, and he has no desire to escape, but when he discovers that his captors are preparing to humiliate him with further and fresh tyrannies, the possibility is that he will create a commotion in the temple by calling on the name of the Lord and tearing up the foundations.

It is recorded of Samson that he was made the victim of any more taurants or tyrannies after he formed his famous coalition with his Philistine friends and persecutors. He was at peace thereafter. This is the very essence and marrow of the situation—this is the moral our little paragraph sought to teach.

But when we tell our conservative friends at the north that there is no danger—hardly a possibility for such a movement at the south—that our Samson is not blind—the stalwarts will not believe us. Why? Because they know precisely what provocation the south has; they know what torture has been applied; they know what a dreary prospect lies before the south on account of their standards and their appeals to a suicidal spirit of sectionalism; they know precisely what their programme of "a strong man" at the head of the government promises for this section; and, of course, of their own determination to rule or ruin, they would be alarmed, but not astonished to see the southern people take up arms.

A young Japanese attends the door at the residence of General Grant at Galena.

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